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WTO Adopts Panel Findings Against Mexican Measure on High-Fructose Corn Syrup

United States Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky on Friday, February 25, announced that the World Trade Organization (WTO) Dispute Settlement Body adopted the report of a dispute settlement panel upholding the U.S. claim that Mexico is violating its WTO obligations by imposing antidumping duties on imports of high-fructose corn syrup from the United States. The panel found Mexico in violation of the WTO Antidumping Agreement, and Mexico decided not to appeal the adverse ruling.

“We expect Mexico to promptly implement the panel’s ruling,” Ambassador Barshefsky said. “The panel’s findings reaffirm the importance of countries faithfully adhering to their commitments under the Antidumping Agreement,” she added.

The Panel found that Mexico violated numerous provisions of the Antidumping Agreement. Importantly, the Panel found across the board that Mexico’s threat of injury determination was flawed, agreeing with all of the U.S. arguments on that issue.

Under the WTO dispute settlement rules, Mexico must indicate its intentions with respect to implementation of the panel ruling within 30 days.